

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend and substitute the following paragraphs of the specification written in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Specification Amendments showing a marked-up version of the amended specification paragraphs.

Please add the following paragraph:

On page 1, immediately before "TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/023,303, filed on December 18, 2001, pending.

Please replace Paragraph [0013] with the following paragraph.

[0013] Those skilled in the art are aware of several container manufacturing heat-set processes for improving package heat-resistant performance. In the case of the polyester, polyethylene terephthalate, for example, the heat-setting process generally involves relieving stresses created in the container during its manufacture and to improve crystalline structure. Typically, a polyethylene terephthalate container intended for a cold-fill carbonated beverage has higher internal stresses and less crystalline molecular structure than a container intended for a hot-fill, pasteurized, or retort product application. Advanced heat-set approaches include processes disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,485,669 and 6,514,451, and U.S. patent application serial number 09/607,817, which are incorporated herein by reference.

### **IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend and substitute the Abstract Section of the specification with